

LOIN CHOPS

San Francisco police made another one of their raids of the Tenderloin last weekend, arresting 46 gays, transsexuals and street people Friday night and Saturday morning.

According to the Tenderloin-centered Gay Activists Alliance, police were pulling people -- especially transsexuals and transvestites -- out of bars and cafes and then booking them on charges of "obstructing the sidewalk."

At one location on the corner of Ellis and Jones, witnesses reported, a paddy wagon was backed up to the door of a cafe and 20 people, mostly transsexuals, were herded in.

Arrests continued Saturday night and Sunday, GAA reported, with 72-hour quarantine holds placed on those taken in. Charges ranged from disturbing the peace to lewd and lascivious conduct.